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Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C39
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MS: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of time for three months with necessary fees. Attached is an Information Disclosure Statement enlisting US patents 4,456,550; 5,008,196; 5,036,003; 5,240,848 for the Examiner's reference. This response is further accompanied by a Declaration by Sherman Fong, Ph.D., with exhibits A-I and a copy of his curriculum vitae. Consideration of this amendment and declaration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.